My dear Maria

Rome 28 March 1869

Here enclosed is the promised order for £10 to be got by Montague as before — I write in great haste & trouble I am in duty bound to tell you a pretty bit of news that my daughter Eleanor is about to be married very much to my satisfaction in every way & that she will live at Oxford — I have been very suddenly called on for £100 for her outfit & I have had to look about me to raise so large a sum with so little notice but 'tis done

So now ends my paternal care for my excellent children, this will be the fifth marriage in my family & I have 16 grandchildren!! If they

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come all
together to visit me what a turn out
it would be - In writing this order to
I must to
be able always to send you this sum
every quarter so that I hope you'll will
be able to have a cat when you go out
I am in the midst of such important
doings that I cannot write you more
Hoping that poor Tom is still on the
mend & that you will let me so
Your loving brother
Joe

My pictures continue to attract
great notice